



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 4	Senate Substitute Amendment 1
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Under *current law*, in general a county board is required to redistrict its supervisory districts once every 10 years following the decennial federal census, through adoption of a decennial redistricting plan.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 sets forth criteria and procedures under which either a county board, or the electors by petition and referendum, in counties other than Milwaukee and Menominee Counties, may decrease the size of the county board of supervisors one time only after the county board adopts its decennial redistricting plan. If either the county board, or the electors by petition and referendum, use this option to decrease the number of county supervisors during the 10-year period between the adoption of decennial redistricting plans, the substitute amendment:

- Sets forth procedures under which, if the decrease affects a city entirely within a county that has aldermanic districts coterminous (shared) with the supervisory districts, the common council of the city may decrease the number of aldermanic districts and corresponding members of the council to keep the boundaries coterminous.
- Prohibits another such action to decrease the number of county supervisors until after the county board enacts the next decennial supervisory district plan.

Legislative History

On April 5, 2005, Senator Kanavas introduced Senate Substitute Amendment 1. On April 6, 2005, the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform recommended adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of the bill as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.